

Hobson	McKinney	Sanford
Hoekstra	McNulty	Sawyer
Hoke	Meehan	Saxton
Holden	Metcalf	Scarborough
Horn	Meyers	Schaefer
Hostettler	Mica	Schiff
Hoyer	Miller (FL)	Schumer
Hunter	Minge	Scott
Hutchinson	Mink	Seastrand
Hyde	Moakley	Sensenbrenner
Inglis	Molinari	Shadegg
Istook	Mollohan	Shaw
Jackson (IL)	Montgomery	Shays
Jackson-Lee	Moorhead	Shuster
(TX)		Sisisky
Jefferson	Morella	Skaggs
Johnson (CT)	Murtha	Skeen
Johnson (SD)	Myers	Skelton
Johnson, E. B.	Myrick	Slaughter
Johnson, Sam	Nadler	Smith (MI)
Johnston	Neal	Smith (NJ)
Jones	Nethercutt	Smith (TX)
Kanjorski	Neumann	Smith (WA)
Kaptur	Norwood	Solomon
Kasich	Nussle	Souder
Kelly	Oberstar	Spence
Kennedy (MA)	Obey	Spratt
Kennedy (RI)	Orton	Stark
Kennelly	Owens	Stearns
Kildee	Oxley	Stenholm
King	Packard	Stockman
Kingston	Parker	Studds
Klecza	Pastor	Stump
Klink	Paxon	Stupak
Klug	Payne (NJ)	Talent
Knollenberg	Payne (VA)	Tanner
Kolbe	Pelosi	Tate
LaHood	Peterson (FL)	Tauzin
Lantos	Peterson (MN)	Taylor (NC)
Largent	Petri	Thomas
LaTourette	Pomeroy	Thornberry
Laughlin	Porter	Thornton
Lazio	Portman	Thurman
Leach	Poshard	Tiahrt
Lewis (CA)	Pryce	Torres
Lewis (KY)	Quillen	Torricelli
Lightfoot	Quinn	Upton
Lincoln	Radanovich	Vucanovich
Linder	Rahall	Walker
Livingston	Ramstad	Walsh
LoBiondo	Rangel	Wamp
Lofgren	Reed	Ward
Lowey	Regula	Watts (OK)
Lucas	Richardson	Waxman
Luther	Riggs	Weldon (FL)
Maloney	Rivers	Weldon (PA)
Manton	Roberts	Weller
Manzullo	Roemer	White
Martini	Rogers	Whitfield
Matsui	Rohrabacher	Williams
McCollum	Ros-Lehtinen	Wilson
McCrery	Rose	Wolf
McDade	Roth	Woolsey
McHale	Roukema	Wynn
McHugh	Roybal-Allard	Yates
McInnis	Royce	Young (AK)
McIntosh	Salmon	Young (FL)
McKeon	Sanders	

## NAYS—65

Abercrombie	Hefley	Pickett
Bonior	Heineman	Pombo
Borski	Hilleary	Rush
Brown (CA)	Hilliard	Sabo
Brown (OH)	Hinchey	Schroeder
Clay	Jacobs	Serrano
Collins (IL)	Kim	Taylor (MS)
Costello	Latham	Tejeda
DeFazio	Levin	Thompson
DeLauro	Lewis (GA)	Torkildsen
Dornan	Longley	Towns
Ensign	Markey	Trafficant
Everett	Martinez	Velazquez
Fazio	Mascara	Vento
Filner	McDermott	Visclosky
Franks (CT)	Meek	Volkmer
Frost	Menendez	Waters
Gephardt	Miller (CA)	Watt (NC)
Gillmor	Ney	Wicker
Green	Olver	Wise
Gutierrez	Ortiz	Zimmer
Gutknecht	Pallone	

## ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Gibbons	Harman
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## NOT VOTING—18

Bryant (TX)	Chapman	Clinger
Bunning	Christensen	Collins (MI)

DeLay	Gilman	McCarthy
Dickey	Houghton	Stokes
Dixon	LaFalce	Waldholtz
Durbin	Lipinski	Zeliff

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Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota changed his vote from "nay" to "yea." So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 45, a journal vote, I was inadvertently absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 359

Mr. BONO. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of the bill, H.R. 359.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EWING). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

## REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1963

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of the bill, H.R. 1963.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

## CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 927, CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY [LIBERTAD] ACT OF 1996

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 370 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

## H. RES. 370

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 927) to seek international sanctions against the Castro government in Cuba, to plan for support of a transition government leading to a democratically elected government in Cuba, and for other purposes. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration are waived. The conference report shall be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida [Mr. DIAZ-BALART] is recognized for 1 hour.

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, for the purposes of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. BEILENSON], pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for purposes of debate only.

(Mr. DIAZ-BALART asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks and to include extraneous material.)

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 370 provides for the consideration of the conference report for H.R. 927, the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1996, usually referred to as the Helms-Burton bill, and waive all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration.

The House rules allow for 1 hour of general debate to be equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations.

This conference report is the response of the United States, of the Congress, and the President, to the murder of three American citizens and another U.S. resident by Castro over international waters on February 24.

Helms-Burton is also premised upon the firm conviction that an accelerated end to the Stalinist dictatorship in Cuba is not only something that we need to strive for because of elemental notions of solidarity with the terrorized and oppressed people of Cuba—but also because the establishment of democracy in Cuba is in the national interest of the United States.

The Castro regime is, to its core, a gangster regime. It is a regime that answered a request, last month, by 130 dissident groups for permission to meet peacefully, by arresting 186 dissident leaders and independent journalists—as of last Thursday.

This is a regime that, to further intensify its latest Stalinist crackdown on its internal opposition, felt the need to shoot down two American civilian planes, killing three U.S. citizens and another U.S. resident, over international waters a few days ago.

The message Castro sent the Cuban people by those murders of Americans was clear: If I can murder Americans over international waters and get away with it, imagine what I can do to you. It's important to note that before the murderous pilots of those MiG's visually identified the unarmed Cessnas that they had been ordered to shoot down, the radar that was guiding them had locked on to a cruise ship with hundreds aboard.

And how does the supreme gangster himself defend the murders. Read this week's Time magazine. Castro says:

They dropped leaflets on Havana. It was a real provocation \* \* \* we had been patient, but there are limits \* \* \* in addition to these flights, there was also interference by the U.S. interests section in our internal affairs. What these people were doing was intolerable. They were giving money and paying the bills of dissidents \* \* \* it was intolerable.

This is a regime that, according to the respected British publication Jane's Defence Weekly, has been sending special forces to be trained at the Hoa Binh Military Base in Communist Vietnam, since 1990, in preparation for strikes inside the United States in case